

4739. Adulteration of beans. U. S. * * * v. 580 Sacks * * * of Beans. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product ordered released on bond. (F. & D. No. 7216. I. S. Nos. 12542-1, 12543-1. S. No. C-445.)

On February 7, 1916, the United States attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 580 sacks, each containing approximately 140 pounds, of beans, consigned by the Alfred J. Brown Seed Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Cincinnati, Ohio, alleging that the article had been shipped and transported from the State of Michigan into the State of Ohio, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it contained, and consisted in part of, a decomposed vegetable substance.

On March 8, 1916, L. Maurice Brown, Grand Rapids, Mich., claimant, having admitted the facts set out in the libel and consented to a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be released and restored to said claimant upon payment of all the costs of the proceedings and the execution of bond in the sum of \$500, in conformity with section 10 of the act, conditioned in part that the beans should be ground and used for animal food only, under the supervision of a food and drugs inspector or any representative of the United States Department of Agriculture duly authorized.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*